

AMENDMENT**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the subject application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An earphone cushion, comprising a first resilient ring having opposite input and output faces, a thickness between the faces, and an opening therethrough defining an interior surface between the faces, the input face having associated structure for acoustically coupling the opening to an output face of a speaker, the output face of the first resilient ring being resiliently conformable to a lateral face of an auricle, and the interior surface flaring unidirectionally outwardly toward the output face thereof for at least a portion of the thickness, the interior surface being configured to facilitate in matching acoustical impedances at the output face of the ring and the output face of the speaker when coupled to the ring.

2. (Original) The earphone cushion of claim 1, wherein the first ring is annular, oval, elliptical, or auricular in shape.

3. (Original) The earphone cushion of claim 1, wherein the interior surface flares out in a direction from the input face to the output face.

4. (Original) The earphone cushion of claim 1, wherein the interior surface flares out exponentially.

5. (Original) The earphone cushion of claim 1, wherein the first ring comprises an